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### 1. MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSES (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

AFTER A DEMARCHE FROM PAUL CLEVELAND, HA/HR WITHDREW ITS OBJECTION TO A SALES TRIP BY GULF & WESTERN TO THE ROK TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBLE SALE OF EQUIPMENT TO PRODUCE SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION. HA/HR HAD NOT UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EQUIPMENT WOULD BE USED BY THE ARMED FORCES AND THEREFORE WAS NOT COVERED BY CURRENT POLICY DIRECTIVES.

EMBASSY SINGAPORE HAS REPORTED REPRESENTATIONS BY THE  
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GOS OVER THE DENIAL OF TWO MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSES FOR TEAR GAS AND PEPPER FOG FOR USE BY THE SINGAPORE POLICE. TODAY WE DRAFTED A MEMORANDUM FROM DEPUTY ASST.SECY OAKLEY TO DEPUTY ASST. SECY MARK SCHNEIDER ASKING THAT

HA/HR WITHDRAW ITS OBJ-CTIONS TO THESE LICENSES. WE POINTED OUT THAT DESPITE LEE KWAN YEW'S FIRM HAND,

SINGAPORE'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD IS GOOD AND THERE HAVE BEEN SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS. WE ALSO NOTED THAT THE SINGAPORE POLICE ARE HIGHLY TRAINED AND HAVE NO RECORD OF USING CROWD CONTROL EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN TO QUELL RIOTS SUCH AS THOSE THAT TOOK PLACE IN 1964. WE HOPE THAT MARK WILL AGREE WITH OUR POSITION AND THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE TO PUT A COORDINATED, FORMAL DECISION MEMO UP TO MRS. BENSON IN T OR TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY.

## 2. FURTHER ON NAM (CONFIDENTIAL)

ADDITIONAL FRAGMENTS FROM THE RECENT NAM BUREAU COMMUNIQUE INCLUDE AN EXPRESSION OF THE GROUP'S DESIRE THAT THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN VIETNAM AND KAMPUCHEA BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF EACH AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INTERNAL AFFAIRS. (THE YUGOSLAVS CLAIM THEY WITHSTOOD STRONG VIETNAMESE EFFORTS TO CONDEMN CAMBODIA.) THE BUREAU ALSO URGED DONATIONS TO THE SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF LAOS AND CAMBODIA.

AS A FOOTNOTE TO THE STRONGLY WORDED SECTION ON KOREA, THE INDIANS HAVE TOLD US THAT THE LANGUAGE WAS BROUGHT TO HAVANA BY THE NORTH KOREANS AND WAS INTRODUCED INTO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE MEETING BY SYRIA.

IT APPEARS THAT THE CUBANS WERE EXCEEDINGLY EFFICIENT IN BOTH RUNNING THE CONFERENCE AND ACHIEVING A NUMBER OF THEIR GOALS. A MEMBER OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION HAS DESCRIBED THE MEETING TO USUN AS A DEFEAT FOR THE NAM MODERATES AND AS BODING ILL FOR THE 1979 NAM SUMMIT IN HAVANA. USUN COMMENTS, HOWEVER, THAT THE INDIANS AND OTHERS HAVE NOT BEEN SO PESSIMISTIC; THE INDIANS ARE COUNSELLING THAT WE WAIT UNTIL AFTER THIS SUMMER'S BELGRADE MEETING BEFORE REACHING A FIRM ASSESSMENT OF THE DIRECTION OF NAM. THERE IS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE THAT THE MODERATES INCREASINGLY INTEND TO MAKE THEIR VOICE HEARD IN THE FUTURE.

## 3. PRE-GA CONSULTATIONS IN EAST ASIA (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE SCENARIO HAS CHANGED. PLANS NOW CALL FOR AMBASSADOR MCHENRY TO COVER THAILAND IN LATE JULY AND PARTICIPATE WITH MAYNES IN THE US-JAPAN PRE-GA TALKS IN TOKYO.

FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS BEGINNING AROUND JULY 13. PRECISE TRAVEL INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW WHEN ARRANGEMENTS ARE CLOSER TO COMPLETION. HOWEVER, THERE IS STILL THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER ADJUSTMENT IN THE SCHEDULE.

4. REFUGEES (UNCLASSIFIED)

A DELEGATION HEADED BY WINYU ANGKHANARAK, THAI INTERIOR UNDERSECRETARY, AND INCLUDING TWO OTHER SENIOR THAI OFFICIALS WILL BE IN THE DEPARTMENT THURSDAY, JUNE 8. HA/ORM IS HANDLING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT WHICH WILL INCLUDE A MEETING WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OAKLEY AT 11:30 AND A LUNCHEON IN THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ROOM HOSTED JOINTLY BY HA AND EA AT WHICH ASSISTANT

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SECRETARY DERIAN WILL BE THE SENIOR DEPARTMENT REP PRESENT. THURSDAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE ANZUS TALKS AND BOTH YOU AND BOB OAKLEY ARE ALREADY BOOKED FOR LUNCH. EA/TIMBS DIRECTOR BOB FRITTS THEREFORE WILL BE OUR SENIOR MAN.

JACK FRIEDMAN HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO ASSIST RA IN REFUGEE MATTERS VICE FRANK BENNETT WHEN THE LATTER MOVES TO EA/ANZ LATER THIS MONTH. JACK IS CURRENTLY READING IN AND MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO JOIN ORM'S SHEP LOWMAN FOR VISITS TO REFUGEE CAMPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA LATER THIS MONTH. MEANWHILE, FRANK, WHO RETURNED FROM AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND LAST WEEKEND, WILL CONTINUE TO COORDINATE REFUGEE MATTERS FOR THE BUREAU.

5. ADDITIONAL HR REPORTING (CONFIDENTIAL)

IN THE FACE OF ALMOST UNIVERSAL OPPOSITION FROM OTHER BUREAUS TO ITS PROPOSALS FOR PERIODIC HR REPORTING (SEE LAST WEEK'S STATUS REPORT), HA IS NOW PROPOSING THAT THE REGIONAL BUREAUS, HA, AND INR JOINTLY REEXAMINE HR REPORTING WITH A VIEW TO CLOSING ANY GAPS. THIS SEEMS REASONABLE, AND SINCE EA REPORTING HAS BEEN EXCELLENT, WE ANTICIPATE FEW IF ANY ADDITIONAL LEVIES IN OUR AREA. AS FOR THE SIX MONTH SUMMARIES HA WANTED THE EMBASSIES TO PREPARE, HA HAS NOW PROPOSED THAT INR DO THIS, AND WE HAVE AGREED.

6. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HAS REPORTED ITS BILL ON THE FY 79 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION. THE BILL CONTAINS A 20 PERCENT CUT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST IN THE FMS ACCOUNT. THE ISRAEL PART OF THIS

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ACCOUNT WAS EXCLUDED FROM THE CUT. WHILE THE COMMITTEE REPORT PERMITS THE ADMINISTRATION DISCRETION IN APPLYING THE CUT, SHOULD IT BE ENACTED INTO LAW, THE COMMITTEE EXPECTS THAT ANY NECESSARY REDUCTIONS WOULD BE MADE AGAINST THOSE COUNTRIES WITH DOUBTFUL HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS. IN A SEPARATE SECTION OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT THE FOLLOWING EA COUNTRIES WERE NAMED AS HAVING BEEN MENTIONED TO THE COMMITTEE AS ONES WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS HAVE OCCURRED: INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES, KOREA AND THAILAND. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT YET MADE ANY DECISIONS REGARDING THE FMS CUT IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE LEGISLATION HAS YET TO PASS THE HOUSE AND HAS NOT YET BEEN CONSIDERED IN THE SENATE. HOUSE DEBATE IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 15TH.

7. ARMS TRANSFER CEILING (SECRET)

GIVEN THE CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS ELECTION YEAR, ANY FMS CASE WHICH IS TO BE SIGNED IN FY 1978, AND THEREFORE COUNT AGAINST THE CEILING FOR THIS YEAR, MUST BE SENT TO THE HILL BY AUGUST 1 (THERE IS AN INFORMAL AGREEMENT WITH KEY STAFFERS NOT TO TRANSMIT CASES WHEN CONGRESS IS NOT IN SESSION). THIS MEANS THAT UNLESS LOAS ARE ALREADY BEING PREPARED ANY TRANSACTION SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL SCRUTINY STANDS LITTLE CHANCE OF BEING SIGNED THIS FISCALYEAR. LOAS CAN ONLY BE SIGNED AFTER THE FIFTY DAY CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION PERIOD HAS ELAPSED.

THE PROCESS OF COMPUTING THE CEILING FOR FY 1979 IS UNDERWAY. A PRC MEETING ON THE SUBJECT WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH. A FUNDAMENTAL ASSUMPTION IS THAT THERE WILL BE A SUCCESSIVELY LOWER CEILING DURING EACH YEAR. AS IN FY 1978, THE PROPORTION OF THE CEILING AVAILABLE TO RELATIVELY SMALL CUSTOMERS WILL BE DEPENDENT ON WHAT

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THE LARGE BUYERS TAKE. IN FY 1979, THE ROC AND KOREA WILL PROBABLY FALL IN THE LARGE BUYER CATEGORY, ALONG WITH ISRAEL AND IRAN. VANCE

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